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Special Pass Issued Citizen

A special pass was issued by the Western Defense Command to permit Alice Kikuchi to leave the Gila colony and go to San Luis Obispo, California, where her father is being hospitalized.

Kikuchi became ill while enroute to this city from Tanforan with part of his family to join Charles Kikuchi and other members of the family who had preceded him here.

TANFORAN ARRIVALS

The arrival of 21 transfers from the Tanforan Assembly Center on Wednesday was slightly delayed due to a train wreck ahead of them while enroute to Rivers.

Four members of the party of 27 originally assigned to the Rivers project, arrived earlier on the same day. A case of mumps forced Raymond M. Inouye to temporarily forego the trip.

Yeaton Resigns as CAS Head

The resignation of CAS Director, Robert Yeaton, was accepted October 8.

L. T. Hoffman, chief of community services division stated, "We regret to lose the services of Robert Yeaton, who has contributed much toward organizing of a bigger and better community."

Block Forty-nine Leads Registration

A check-up late yesterday of steps in the elections for Butte's temporary Community Council showed that 6 of the 21 occupied blocks have not yet submitted their list of candidates.

Block registrations vary from a low 10 to a high 194 in block 49. Highest number of candidates listed is 5 in block 59, block 56 with 4 is runner-up.

WRA Official Pledges Defense Of Evacuees Citizenship Right

Telegrams exchanged between the solicitor of the WRA and the regional office have quickly and effectively dispelled rumors current to the effect that Congress has adopted a bill abolishing the citizenship status of nisei and another bill providing for the internment of all evacuees. The text of the solicitor's telegram follows:

"I understand that rumors are circulating that Congress has adopted a bill abolishing citizenship status nisei and bill providing for internment of evacuees.

Butte Hospital Opening Delayed

The opening date of the new 200-bed hospital at Butte Camp remains indefinite due to non-delivery of necessary equipment. Only infirmary facilities available at present in the community are at the Canal Hospital, capacity 20 beds.

Utilization of medical facilities at Sacaton has been due to the inadequacy of supplies within the camp, and colonists should recognize the fact that "the doctors are well trained and are entirely capable of taking care of the health needs of evacuees," remarked Jack C. Sleath, chief medical officer.

Tanaka Lauds Fine Cooperation

Zuke Tanaka, mess worker placement head, reports excellent cooperation on the part of block managers and chefs in facilitating the large labor turnover necessitated by the new ruling which established 30 years as the minimum age for mess hall workers.

TULE FARMS SHIP PRODUCE HERE

Tule Lake farm projects have shipped a total 1,490 units of produce to Rivers cities to date. Warehouseman F. Kimura has checked in along with other vegetables which combine to make the amount 353 crates nappa, 316 beets, 188 lettuce, 302 turnips.

These rumors are not true. They are probably due to a misunderstanding of a bill recently introduced in Senate to amend Federal Constitution to permit Congress to regulate conditions under which persons subject to dual citizenship may become citizens of the United States. That bill has not passed. It has merely been introduced in Senate and referred to a Committee. It would take a two-thirds vote in each House of Congress and ratification by three-fourths of the State legislatures to adopt such a Constitutional amendment. Congress has not adopted any legislation that would deprive evacuees of citizenship or would provide for their internment. The WRA recognizes and will defend the citizenship rights of those evacuees born in the United States. You are authorized to inform the evacuees of the contents of this telegram."

The date of Stockton arrivals to Gila was indefinitely postponed, but according to a letter received by a resident, 175 evacuees will leave the center about Oct. 16. From Fresno, 150 are expected the same day.

Canteen opening day at block 42 has been changed to Monday, Oct. 12, instead of today. Jun Toguri revealed late yesterday.

Do not send in your absentee ballots before Oct. 14.

Kibei meeting tonight at block 63 Buddhist Church at 7:30 o'clock.